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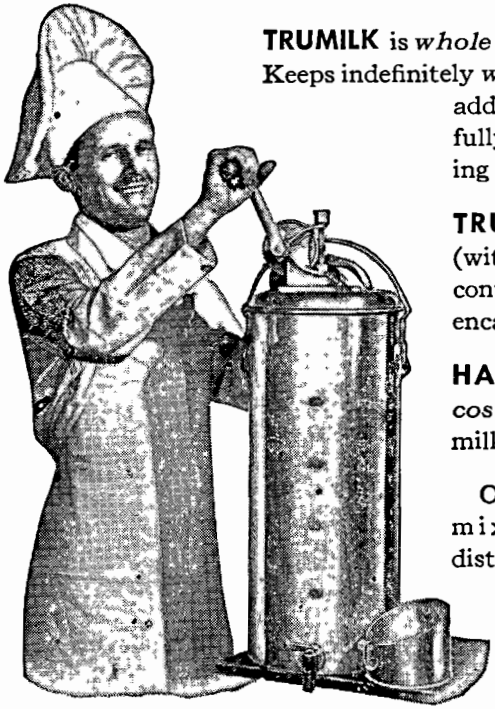
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A Light For Your Camp

NORA BAILEY — 1910-1951

NO MOURNING—BY REQUEST

"Come not to mourn for me, with solemn tread,
Clad in dull weeds of sad and sable hue . . .
. . . But wearing robes of emerald and blue,
And dance, as I your dances oft have led,
And laugh, as I have often laughed with you—
And be most merry—after I am dead."

(WINIFRED HOLTBY)

My first impulse on reading Nora Bailey's article, "A Light for your Camp", was to do as I had so often done before, write to tell her how much I had liked it. It was a shock to realize such a letter could never now be written, for Nora, having for many years endured what she rarely discussed, but once called an "ornery" heart, died in March, a few weeks before her article was published.

Last Christmas Nora told us some of the ideas she was thinking of for her essay. We "yarned" about people who made camp *camp*. I remember she described the Chief at Ahmek as going around with the newest book on psychology in one hand, leaving the other free to plant water lilies or make Indian drums, as the particular summer inspired him. We mentioned a camp director who disturbed the best camp schedule by suddenly deciding that it should be a special day or a festive occasion. Nora remarked, with her typical humour, "Well, if as they say, camp's supposed to be a democracy, even the director should be free to express an occasional idea." Nora felt that none of our psychological phraseology described the elusive quality such people possessed. "I guess we'd better call them souls," she said, "they are the real light of the camp. They don't have to take a course to tell them what to be; they know enough to be themselves." These thoughts were expressed in her article as "a camp needs a spirit —someone who can set the goal high, who can guide us on the climb, who can inspire children and staff to be better than they know."

No one would have been more surprised than Nora to be told "What you have written exactly describes yourself," for Nora exemplified this spirit or "Light for the Camp" better than anyone I know.

For many years Nora had been a camper, counselor, and personnel director at Camp Wapomeo, which she loved. Here her joys of camper days blended with her professional psychological skill to create a realistic and warm understanding of human living. She was always skeptical of what she called the "jabberwocky of her trade" and never allowed her psychology to obscure her humanity. Her own deep sensitivity was reflected in her genuine acceptance of people, and hundreds of Canoe Lake campers will recall the confidence she inspired and the gaiety she created.

Nora attended Havergal College, and later took her arts degree at the University of Toronto. This was followed by professional training at the Institute of Child Study where, in 1938, she wrote the first M.A. in psychology based on research in camping, thus setting a precedent for studies in this area. In 1939, rather than being dismayed by her precarious heart condition, Nora signed on as sailmaker and spent eighteen months sailing around the world in the schooner *Yankee*. Her particulars duties were to look after the two young children of the skipper and his wife, but her other activities included standing watch, scrubbing decks, and retaining morale through long days on turbulent seas. The letters from the voyage were mimeographed for circulation amongst her friends and through them she shared generously her vivid and exciting adventures.

In 1948 Nora joined the staff of the Mental Hygiene Institute in Montreal. Here, dealing with the problems of human living, she found expression for all her skills. Her deep distress at being unable to do all she saw should be done was expressed recently in a letter, the significance of which one realized only later: "Excuse me being hackneyed, but when I see all these people I can't help remembering Cecil Rhodes — so much to do, so little time to do it." It hurt Nora to be unable to meet any human need.

All these had been good things in Nora's life, but it was only in 1949 she achieved her real goal. This was Camp Macuza, which she and Ruby Smith opened in the Laurentians for young boys and girls. We visited them that summer and found it a beautiful place. As we sat on the point in the evening, I asked Nora about the programme. She said, "Do you know what these children like doing best of all? They like playing hide-and-seek. There's so little time in a modern child's life to play hide-and-seek that we've decided our programme must have time and opportunity for campers to do what they really like to do. One is a child nowadays for such a little while. Let the children have time to be themselves."

It's good to know that there's such a place as Camp Macuza, where there is time for campers to do the important childish things of childhood. It is good to know that it is to continue, for Nora would have it so. And it's good to know that there was a Light in the Camp that spread its radiance throughout Canadian Camping. The light Nora Bailey kindled will gleam through all our campsites, and our darkness will be lightened by the privilege we have had in knowing a great "soul".

MARY L. NORTHWAY.

TO A GROUP OF
Counselors in Training

By a CAMP DIRECTOR

You are a chosen group of old campers, who have experienced for several summers all the carefree happiness of those, whose chief concern at camp, is to have a good time. Your days as campers are now over, and you are returning in a different rôle. You are to be leaders—not, perhaps, with all the responsibility of full-fledged counselors, but certainly as counselors-in-training, or "counselors-to-be".

Because you have been campers and have a wealth of happy memories and many camp skills, and because you appreciate the high traditions and the aspects of good camping, I feel sure of your loyalty and your eagerness to share what you have gained with a younger group. Because camping is so essentially a real part of you, the opportunity to pass on to others some of the joys that have been yours, will give you great satisfaction and scope for all the gifts you possess.

The word "counselor" is a pleasant, happy word. At the first camp I attended, the leaders were called "officers". That word suggests discipline (and no nonsense!), with a military flavor, and a rather impersonal relationship. But the modern word, "counselor", suggests the friendly relationship of comrade as well as leader.

Perhaps, as you think back over your camp days, you can remember certain counselors whom you liked and respected greatly. You probably admired them, not only for their skill and ability to do a good job in their particular field, whether it was crafts or swimming, music or sailing, but you admired them even more just for themselves—for their friendliness, their dependability, their genuine interest in you. There were times, of course, when you tried to put something over on them, but you respected them all the more if they weren't "easy", if they didn't play for popularity or shirk a duty because it was difficult. You knew that the camp director expected high standards from counselors in matters of discipline, punctuality and cheerful, willing teamwork, and you were bright enough to know and appreciate when a counselor measured up to these high standards.

Now it is your turn to enter this rôle at camp—to pass on to a new and younger group all that has meant most to you. You probably realize that at this very moment there are swarms of children thinking and dreaming about their first days at camp. Their applications are in. They have read and re-read the folder and studied the pictures. They have begun to collect their outfit and perhaps to pack their belongings. Some of them may have mixed feelings about going to camp. They have heard from school friends and parents about the fun they are going to have, but they sometimes wonder, too, if they will be a bit lonely at times, for it will all be so new and strange.

From the very first day, when you travel up with them on the train, right through the camp days, as you follow the forest trails, explore the water-ways and get acquainted with them in their

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So You Think Your Covered

By M. H. CRONE

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In the last two issues we have discussed the question of soft spots in your insurance programme, referring particularly to your Fire and Liability Insurance as it applies to your business as a Camp operator. In this issue we thought it advisable to make some reference to your personal lines of coverage.

To properly insure your house and its contents there are two forms of insurance recognized as providing the best coverage.

On the building you should have a standard fire insurance policy to which is attached the Supplemental Perils Endorsement covering you against loss from Windstorm; Smoke Damage; from the unusual or faulty operation of your furnace; Aircraft or Vehicle Damage; Lightning Damage to electrical appliances; Riot; Civil Commotion and damage by water which is subject to a deductible of $15.00 from each claim. This policy also should provide for 10% of the amount of insurance applying to any outbuildings, such as your Garage, and up to 10% for the rent of any temporary abode should you find it necessary to live elsewhere following a fire. If you will examine your insurance in the light of these remarks the large majority of you will find that you are very much under-insured.

Your household contents and personal effects are not completely insured unless you are covered under what is known as a Personal Property Floater. It is of extreme importance to you that any valuable items such as Furs, Jewellery and Fine Arts be specifically scheduled on this Policy. If you are in the habit of going off this Continent for vacation or business trips your policy should be endorsed to provide World Wide coverage. This policy in itself should be a subject for one publication and as we haven't sufficient space, suffice it to say "See your agent" and make sure you are covered for an adequate sum and, most important of all, see that the form of cover is broad enough to protect you in all situations.

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Personage Liability Insurance is also an important coverage for you to consider. People can get hurt or property may be extensively damaged through your personal acts or those of your family. Common sources of these accidents are your family pets, golf, fishing, or other sports, unsafe sidewalks, steps, etc. This insurance may be purchased for as low as $7.50 for three years and should be a "must" on your program.

In the large majority of businesses, employees are insured for personal accidents under our Compensation Laws, but what happens when the "Boss Man" is injured? You can protect your own income and insure your personal out-of-pocket expenses by the purchase of Personal Accident Insurance.

We have tried in these three articles to discuss your Insurance Problems in the language of a layman and hope that we have been successful in helping some of you to better understand the many complex problems which arise in choosing proper insurance coverage in return for the premium dollars which you are spending.

What is Camping?

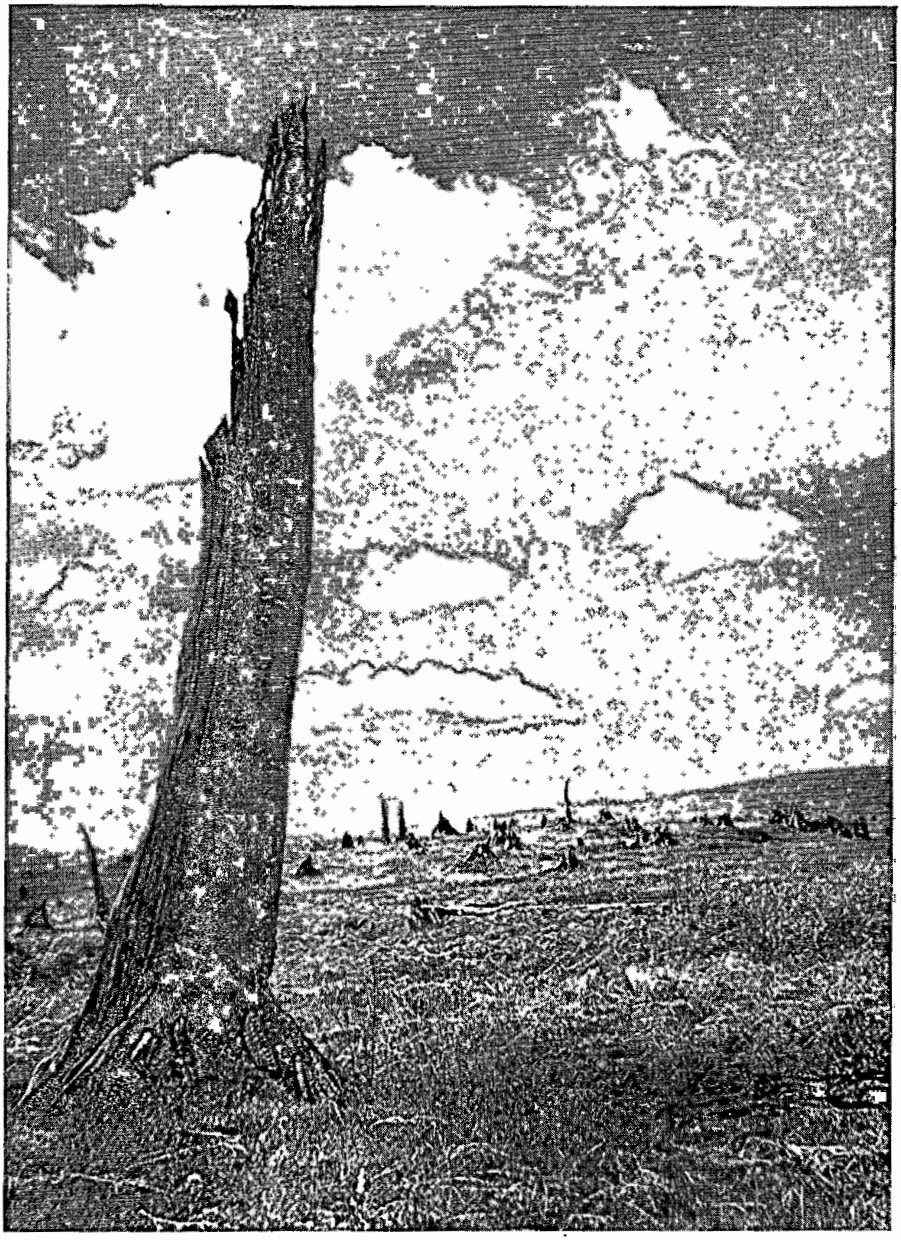
Camping is not just an outing in the fresh air—it is an adventure in creative living.

Camping is not just learning the skills of the out-of-doors — it is learning how to work and play with others.

Camping is more than fun and lots of it—it is the recreation and the remaking of body, mind and soul.

Camping is more than living in "splendid" isolation—it is the discovery of self through taking one's rightful place in the life of a community.

C. F. PLEWMAN,
Kilcoo Camp.



CANADIAN NATURE MAGAZINE.

SOMEBODY DROPPED A MATCH

Camp directors, this picture can serve as the basis for an excellent discussion. Lead your campers to see that burned trees mean vanishing wild life, water run-off, loss of soil and eventual desert. Campers may not often be responsible for the sad toll of forest fires, but they should be well-informed citizens who will throw the weight of their influence into the cause of conservation.

A Ranger's Prayer

God help the folks who walk these trails
Be mindful as they go
That there shall be no embers left
To tempt the winds that blow;
Nor let them leave old tins about
Their camp, or bits of glass
For forest fires start from these
Half-hidden in the grass.
This stream that runs its pebbled way,
God, let them leave it sweet
And pure as when they found it first
Hidden from summer's heat.
And do not let them cut the trees
That stand in majesty,
Nor let them trample ferns, nor break
The branches of the trees.
God keep my vision true and clear
Through all this blueish haze
That hangs like velvet everywhere
All these long summer days.
Nor let me see a wisp of smoke
Curl up where forests dwell,
But if I do—God, give me strength
To do my duty well.

C. HASTINGS.

Conservation Pledge

Prime Minister St. Laurent signed the Canadian Conservation pledge which appears below, and Canadian campers should be familiar with it, and challenged to accept it as a personal pledge.



Canadian Camping Association Report

By AGNES MUTCHLER *Executive Secretary*

In accordance with the instructions set out in various minutes, a National Office was established last October. It was located in Montreal, in the vicinity of the President. In February of last year letters were sent to both the Quebec and the Ontario Associations in regard to sharing the costs of a National Office. Quebec felt no immediate need for quarters but offered to pay for services rendered. Ontario sent in an estimate on costs of setting up a joint office.

After careful thinking it was decided that the National Office should be launched as a separate venture for two reasons:

a The techniques, functions and routines of the CCA were not yet sufficiently defined to make possible an accurate estimate of the time that would be involved in the national work;

b The state of the finances made it necessary to do things even more economically than the Ontario Executive considered a minimum.

As you all realize, the office is experimental. Many things have been left undone. The CCA suffers from all the ills inherent in any volunteer organization. Sickness, births, deaths and the pressure of one's own pre-occupation with earning a living—all impinge on the work of the organization. For instance, in October there were many sincere offers of volunteer secretarial work (my own office has been running not too awkwardly on that basis for the past two years) volunteer mimeographing and just simply—time. However, it was found that the heavy work periods of this office corresponded only too often with the times when volunteer offices were completely bogged down with their own affairs. The result was that your Executive Secretary has been involved in doing technical work quite beyond her skills and has simply tried to keep in touch with the membership. Letters have been answered and a flood of such material as the Constitution, Terms of Reference, etc., have gone out steadily. Now that we know that the pressure areas accumulate around the Board and Executive Meetings, to say nothing of the Annual Meeting, it should be possible to set dates and thus organize the volunteer help to better advantage.

Some of the membership threads have been very tenuous and only after many letters had gone out would this office discover that the President had left the Province or the whole Executive had been swamped with other work. This meant an attempt to contact the individual membership. Finally letters began to come in and they opened almost consistently with one or the other of these statements, "Due to great personal pressures I have not been able . . . " or, "In reply to your various letters . . . " (all completely understandable—but a little disconcerting).

Each time mail goes out to the general membership more than 300 letters must be sent—for though all these are not members-in-good-standing — they are potential renewals.

There are fifty Board Members listed, so that calling a Board Meeting involves at least twice that many letters, and in the case of a cancelled meeting, such as that planned for Queens in the Fall—twice as many more.

Material sent to Committee Chairmen has frequently brought no reply. Some have written of great discouragement but a determination to carry on, others have sent in tentative resignations and still others have asked that the National Office set up their committees. In connection with the latter, it was not until March of this year that we had even a nucleus of people who answered letters, let alone a list of potential committee members.

Actually nothing could be more valuable to the whole organization at this time than accurate camp directories compiled by each Province. Aside from requests by members for this kind of information, at least 20 letters have come from other organizations. The National Office would be grateful to have this kind of information to send out.

When letters came in asking for definitions of committee function, I felt a little weak, for I knew of the hours that had been spent on just such definitions. Then I realized that when one works in the very heart of a well developed camp area, enjoying a surfeit of the good things that come from companionship with knowledgable camp people, it is only too easy to forget that in areas of beginning and new camps, the needs are basic. That what seemed to the Executive just fundamentals of good camping could seem to beginners as superstructure. It simply meant more letters, more questions, more hunting for other answers—more sensitivity to basic needs.

The Camping Magazine does much to create a community of feeling among the distant camp members and it is one of the jobs of the National Office to supplement that good work with letters. It will be hard to create by mail that atmosphere which good-neighbor campers in Ontario and Quebec create from personal contacts. It can be done, but it will require constructive thinking on the part of all the more privileged CCA members.

Not many areas have the advantage of attending the kind of conferences which have developed from years of experience in Quebec and Ontario. Copies of this material should go out at least to the Executives in other provinces. The charming Camp brochures that hang on the bulletin board in the office are full of suggestions and pictures of camp life that are absolutely stimulating. They, too, might go out from the Central office.

The National Office of the CCA is a struggling child. Bludgeoning the infant is hardly regarded as good technique. The parent who rescued a newly planted lawn from the gardening operations of his offspring and was able to find extenuating circumstances, because when he was young he had received great charity, seems to be the mature approach that is needed to help the whole CCA grow up.

Each membership card issued in the CCA represents more than just another member. It represents a group of camp-minded people who have come to sit around a central camp fire. This fire will burn low at times, because it must be fuelled by energy, time, money and faith. From this fire must go the beginning light to kindle fires in each province. B.C. with its opportunity for real forest camps, Alberta whose foothills are wondrous ranch country, Manitoba with Lake Winnipeg and pastoral countryside, Saskatchewan with its almost hidden vallevs and lakes, the Maritimes with their lovely sea coves—each of these can bring brands to the central fire. Every Camper knows that tending the fire can be long and tedious. It would seem that this unspectacular job is the basic function of the National Office. One day this fire will blaze!

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NOTES from the Provinces

BRITISH COLUMBIA

The Annual Meeting of the British Columbia Camping Association on April 27th brought to a close an interesting year for the association. Miss Phyllis Porter, the president for the past year, took office as a newcomer in the group. She is to be congratulated on the success of the year's program. Miss Porter is on the staff of Alexandra Neighborhood House and has had a wide experience in camping. Last summer she was a counselor in a camp in Hawaii.

The program of the Annual Meeting included the usual election of officers and reports of activities during the year. The highlight being the report of the handcraft course sponsored by the association. There were 38 registrations, representing 10 association members camps and several other camps not members. Instruction in crafts chosen by the group was given, with special emphasis on crafts suitable to camps. It is hoped that the interest created this year in this course will enable us to introduce a course next season in campcraft. Following the reports, there were skits, based on incidents in the association during the eleven years since its organization. These may have been serious problems at the time, but looking back, seemed very humorous.

The guest speaker of the evening was Bishop A. H. Sovereign, recently retired Bishop of Athabasca, and a pioneer in camping for children in British Columbia. His stories of the early days and his words of wisdom for us were a genuine inspiration.

ONTARIO

It was with great regret that the Ontario Camping Association learned of the resignation of Mr. C. T. Sharpe, who has served for the past three years as superintendent of camping under the Department of Education of the Ontario Government. During these years Mr. Sharpe has made a unique contribution to the whole camping movement in this province. He possesses a wide knowledge of camping, gained during his long experience as a camp leader; he has a sympathetic understanding of the many problems facing the institutional camps operating on the proverbial "shoe string", and he has helped greatly in working out Camp Standards and in promoting more and better facilities for an ever-increasing number of children. All these things combined to make C. T. Sharpe specially fitted for his job. He served his government with distinction. It is to be hoped that the good work of the government will "carry on" with regard to camp subsidies, counselor training courses and the government training camps for boys and girls.



BOOK REVIEWS

GOING TO CAMP (a Guide to Good Camping) by Helen Beck; Ryerson Press, Toronto, 1950; pp. 164; illustrations by Max Barris.

There are many camping books for adults; this is for children. In direct, descriptive language, it informs the child how to prepare for and what to expect at that place, *Camp*. It gives to twelve-year-olds practical information on how to get ready—what the journey and first days of camp are like — what may happen during camp through the summer and some of the characteristics of coming home. It includes a list of camp equipment and a glossary of camp "lingo". Perhaps one might call it a child's guide to adults, for it suggests what the camper should do both about the counselor (glossary definition, "person in charge of a group of children") and about his parents—how to write to them, how to entertain them when they visit and how to help them adapt to the new self that arrives home.

I like the matter-of-fact tone and the frankness with which the authors state that although camp provides many exciting things such as interesting animals and counselor hunts, it also has its own requirements such as being quiet in rest hour and putting your very own money in the camp office. I imagine that children, too, would like the book, though I am not certain that they'll remember to send sister a birthday card just because they've read this suggestion in printed form. However, it will help them prepare and to understand and, at most, it will enable them to say, "but we didn't do things that way at our camp". It is realistic rather than sentimental, and children will certainly appreciate that. M.L.N.

CAMP SITES AND FACILITIES by Boy Scouts of America, 2 Park Ave., New York 16, N.Y. $2.50.

This well-illustrated and carefully prepared manual is intended to help local Boy Scout authorities design and develop their camp sites. In this type of camping, various scout troops use a district camp, in some cases preparing their own food, usually running their own program, but making use of the central facilities for water supply, sanitation, medical care and some other items. However, the material supplied in this book can be adapted readily to most Canadian camp settings. The sections on sanitation, water supply and kitchen layout are especially useful. The book contains a wealth of detailed information on many aspects of camp layout, which would be useful to camp directors, and to organisations owning camps. Technical details of interest to engineers and architects are included.

Chapters are devoted to the Master Plan, Property, Site Development Plan, Water Supply, Sewage and Garbage Disposal, Program Facilities, Aquatic Facilities, Roads and Trails, Buildings, Land Management and Bibliography.

R.K.C.

MORE FUN IN THE WATER by Eidola J. Bourgaize, published by Association Press, N.Y., 1950; pp. 118; price $2,50. Available in Canada from the G. R. Welch Co., 1149 King St. W., Toronto.

The title of this book is self-explanatory. It is a veritable encyclopedia of games, stunts, water parties, water pageants for the landlubber, novice, average swimmer and the "old salt". Instructions are clearly and simply expressed and equipment, if needed, is kept at a minimum and is easily obtainable. This excellent book would make program planning for a watersport's day simple. There are also countless suggestions for "free play" swim periods. A useful book for waterfront directors or counselors.

CAMPFIRE AND COUNCIL RING PROGRAMS, by Allan A. Macfarlan; Association Press, 1951. Obtainable in Canada from the G. R. Welch Co., 1149 King St. W., Toronto; pp. 155; price $3.30.

Probably no evening programs in camp more completely capture the individual interest and imagination of the campers than a well-planned and successfully carried out council ring ceremony. Here is a book crammed full of ideas for directing campfire and council ring programs. A great deal of the contents is entirely new and considerable care has been taken to elaborate on the way to make things and on the methods of carrying on the various games, challenges and other events.

There are some good campfire skits, stunts and quizzes, and practical suggestions and designs for Indian costumes. M.S.E.

CONSERVATION AND NATURE ACTIVITIES. Published in 1951 by the Audubon Society of Canada, 177 Jarvis Street, Toronto 2, Ontario. 256 pages, 166 photographs, 467 figure drawings. Price $3.70; five or more, each $3.00.

Do you have 25, 50 or 100 wriggling, squirming youngsters suddenly descend on you? If you do, you will find this book your answer. It includes seventy-seven nature games capable of being used at camp—indoor and outdoors—the right hand of any counselor or leader.

Betty Price, herself a camp counselor, offers nature activities for wet or dry days. Handicrafts, modelling, wood-carving ideas are here by the score, based on every phase of nature. How to make field trips a success, how to make collections. In fact, every conceivable activity outlined for your immediate use.



Campcraft—making shelters. *Glen Bernard Camp*

THE CAMP PROGRAM BOOK, by Catherine T. Hammett and Virginia Musselman, in collaboration with the National Recreation Association; published May, 1951, by the Association Press, N.Y.; available in Canada from the G. R. Welch Co., 1149 King St. W., Toronto; pp. 500; price $6.25.

Emphasizing camp program *as a whole,* the encyclopedic handbook describes in detail what happens and how it happens. It shows how camp activities can develop out of natural situations and how good leadership can make a camp program that is much more than separate activities in which campers are expected to take part.

Based on a philosophy that camping is living and learning together in the out-of-doors, and doing things that can't be done in town, this book organizes all the specialist information and know-how on:

Program Planning—what it is, the influence of the site, types of groups, mechanics.

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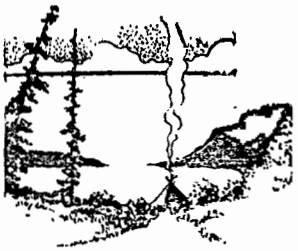
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Campers - - Handle with Care

Following are some hints to camp leaders which will help to win and sustain the confidence and respect of campers, and will tend to minimize misconduct.

1. Know as many campers as possible by name. In addition, know something about them.
2. Be friendly. Always show interest in what individual campers are doing and what progress they are making in school, hobbies or other activities in which they are participating.
3. Commend good qualities and actions.
4. Try to be constructive, not repressive, in all dealings with them.
5. Remember that a sense of humor is extremely valuable.
6. When necessary, be firm. At all times, be fair!
7. Do not judge misconduct solely on how much it annoys you.
8. Do not take your personal feelings and prejudices out on them.
9. Be consistent in all your dealings.
10. Maintain poise at all times. Do not lose your temper.
11. Remember–"The tongue is the only keen-edged tool which grows sharper with constant use". Do not nag, bluff, or be officious.
12. Try to see their side of the question.
13. Look for the good qualities—everyone of them have them.
14. Do not "pick" on every "little thing" they do. Sometimes it is wiser to overlook some things.
15. Bear in mind that misbehaviour is seldom wilful. There usually is a cause, and it may be in yourself, the activity, or some other outside influence.
16. Check program and facilities constantly. Study attendance and listen to their suggestions and complaints.
17. Repair damages immediately. Remove markings from walls as soon as possible. Have broken windows repaired without delay.
18. Follow up all cases which have been disciplined. Be certain that you still have the respect and confidence of the camper.
19. Be sincere in your work.
20. Set a good example yourself.

—Adapted from Youth Leaders Digest.

TRADING POST

HOW TO MOVE A TREE

To obtain best results in transplanting trees, great care should be taken in lifting and replanting. The roots should be injured as little as possible. This will mean digging a trench around each tree at a radius of one and one-half feet or more from the trunk to a depth of about one and a half feet.

After the trenching is finished, strong burlap of sufficient size to envelop completely the ball of soil around the roots, may be laid into the trench at one side. The tree and ball of soil should then be gently eased onto the burlap; at the same time unsevered anchor roots should be cut with a sharp spade. Fold and tie the burlap securely around the ball of soil in readiness for transporting the tree to its new location.

When moving trees from the woods, those growing in high land or in soil similar to that into which they are to be transplanted, should be selected. It may also be advisable to prune back some of the outermost branches of broadleaf trees. A small tree with a good fibrous root system will grow faster and be more healthy than a larger tree moved with few feeding roots.

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The Ryerson Press, Toronto

NATURE ALPHABET

Cap'n Bill Vinal, who was one of the outstanding leaders at the Quebec Camp Conference, has written a great deal on nature lore. A useful pamphlet called "Nature Games", can be purchased for the paltry sum of fifteen cents, by writing William G. Vinal, Nature Education, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, Mass. From this 32 page booklet of valuable material, we quote one game—Nature Alphabet.

The leader names a letter of the alphabet. Each player in order names a bird, flower or tree (decided upon before starting) which begins with that letter. Anyone who cannot do so in less than five seconds is out. No one is to name an object which has already been named. The patrol having the greatest number at the end of a certain time is the winner or the last group to name an object commencing with that letter wins a point for his team.

"BUDDY BURNER"

I am indebted to the Girl Scouts of America for this gadget which they call a "Buddy Burner". Take a small tin about 2½ inches high and 3 inches in diameter, such as a canned chicken or salmon tin or a "cut down" soup tin. Fill it almost full with melted wax, such as ends of candles or paraffin wax. Take a strip of corrugated cardboard about two feet long and the width of the height of the tin. Roll it up and place in the soft wax. This serves as a wick. This gives you a small fire that you can use under a No. 10 can stove, and I have been told that it will keep the stove hot about an hour. It is a very satisfactory blaze and can be used safely where it would be impossible to light a fire. The cover of the tin can, played over the flame, puts out your fire quickly and efficiently.

M.G.

BANDY BALL

At the Quebec Camp Conference we were introduced to a new game with interesting possibilities. It is called "Bandy Ball". It resembles an overgrown badminton bird with a rubber base about 2½" in diameter and a "crown" of stiff, strong tail feathers. Instead of being batted with a racquet, it is returned by striking the round rubber end with the open palm. It is a game for which many variations can be improvised. Since neither courts, nets or racquets are necessary, one can think of exciting games being played by a team, across a tightened rope or players standing in marked circles.

One game suggested is for players to stand inside opposite circles—about ten feet across. One player serves the bandy ball—the object being to bat it back and forth in the air with the open hand. The serve must be underhand; the ball is "dead" when it touches the ground. The service changes after each five points are scored. The area inside the circle is *fair* territory; outside is *foul*. Points are scored against player or side who (1) fail to return ball to opponent's circle; (2) hits ball into a "foul"; (3) permits ball to touch ground inside his own circle. First player or side to score twenty-one points wins.

Since we do not know of anyone else who has imported this new game, we give the name of the exhibitor at the Quebec Camp Conference, Joey Richmond, 399 St. Catherine Street West, Montreal. Price of Bandy Ball, $1.00.

M.S.E.

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Whether a counselor is called an instructor or a leader is unimportant; what *is* important is that every counselor shall BE a leader, first, foremost and all the time.

JOHN HOYLE, Camp Gay Venture.

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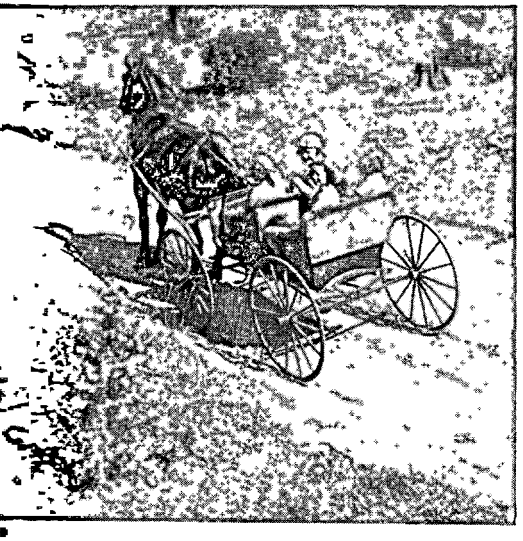
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cabin groups, you will have a wonderful opportunity to give to them the things that made camp days such a happy adventure for you, and a glorious memory of fun and friendliness and helpfulness. In other words, you will be called upon to give to the campers of this summer the very best you have.

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And the best will come back to you!"

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Lord of Creation and Author of all things true and beautiful, we humbly lift our hearts in gratitude for the wonder of Thy world, and for eyes to see the pageantry of days and nights and changing seasons. We thank Thee for the adventure and responsibility of leadership among children in their holiday time. Since Thou art the source of all wisdom, we seek to draw from Thy limitless resources, lest we fail in our task.

Take from us a false sense of our own sufficiency. Deepen our awareness of Thy all-prevailing Presence about us and within us, so that at all times we may have poise, confidence, understanding and a sense of humor.

Grant that we may pass on to our campers the best Thou canst give to them through the medium of our relationship. Make us instruments worthy of the opportunity which lies before us. May we see with them the wonder of each new day, feel their joyous zest for living, and grasp in our minds the amazing potentiality of each young life.

Help us in our camps to build bridges of friendship and understanding between our campers and between peoples of different races and creeds, so that we, together, may play our part in building a better world for Thy great family of mankind.

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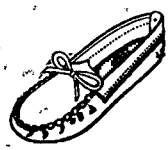
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Within a crowded cabin
They sat on bed and floor
Emptying jars and boxes
And bottles by the score.

It really seems a pity
This lovely tale to spoil,
But they all submitted later
To a dose of castor oil!

M.S.E.

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Camper (tearing down the beach) addresses another camper: "Hurry up! Our swimming counselor is going to give us half an hour of artificial inspiration!"

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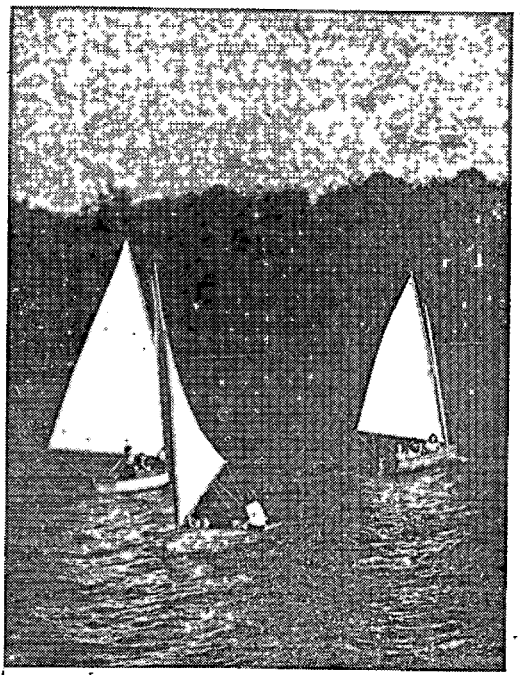
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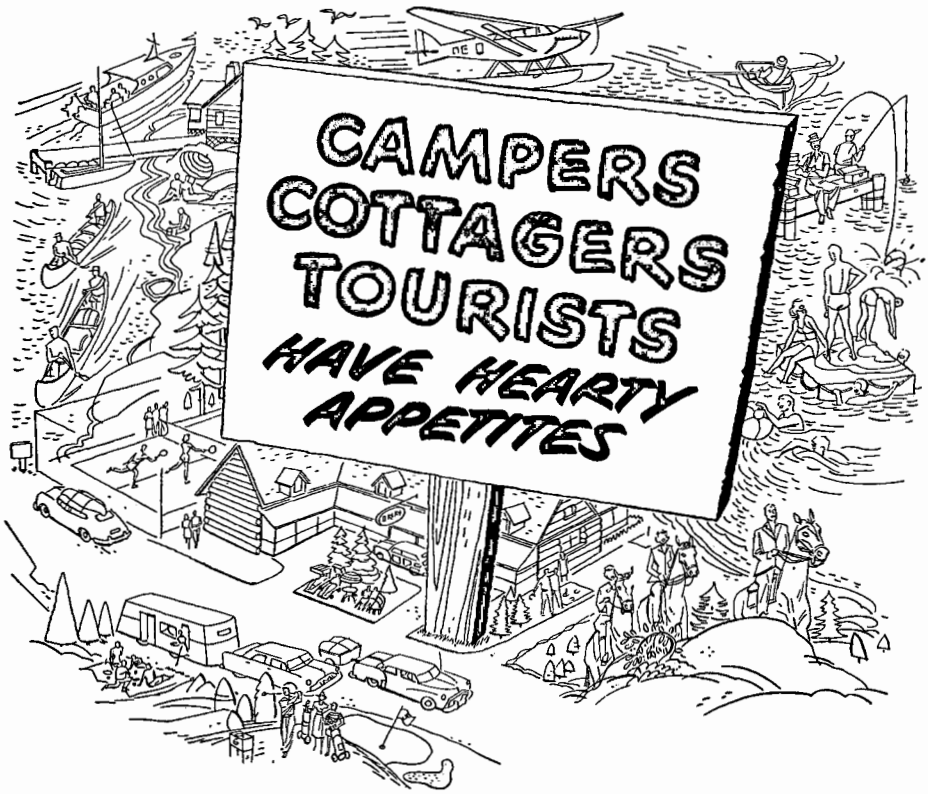
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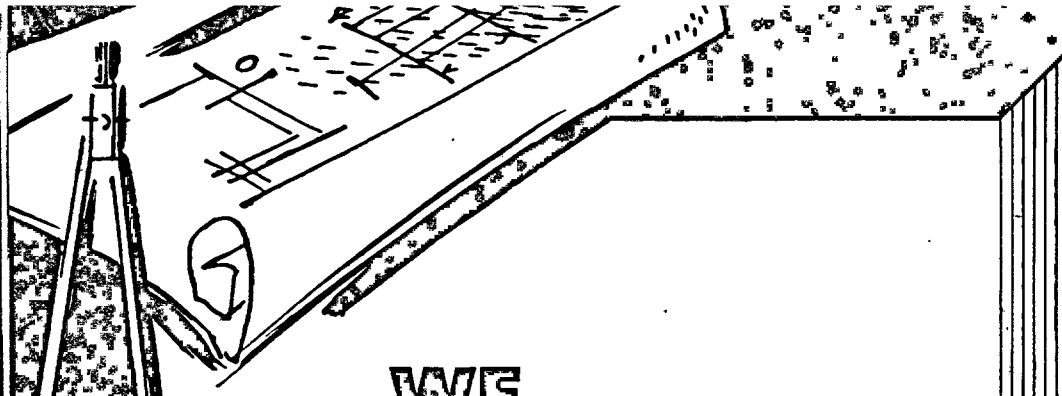
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